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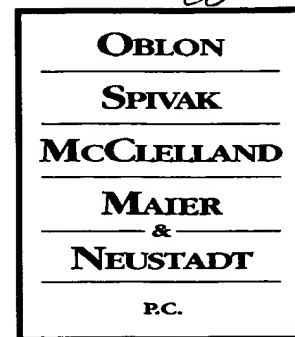


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Applicants: Kazuhisa KASHIHARA, et al.  
Filing Date: December 22, 2000  
For: ARRAYED WAVEGUIDE GRATING TYPE  
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OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE CIRCUIT  
Group Art Unit: 2874  
Examiner: LEE J.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Responsive to the Official Action dated June 18, 2003, the following remarks  
traversing the outstanding grounds for rejection are presented:

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully  
requested.

Claims 1-45 are pending.

In the outstanding Office Action the drawings were identified as being informal; and  
Claims 1-45 were provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being identical to Claims  
1-23 and 45-56 of co-pending application no. 10/067,934.

In reply, Applicants will file formal drawings when the application is allowed as  
stated on Page 2 of the Office Action dated June 18, 2003.